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NEW YORK STOCKS STILL VERY FIRM

Opening Is Strong and Prices Advance Rapidly.

PROFIT-TAKING IN EVIDENCE

Market Shows Irregularity and Some Nervousness, But Closes Very High.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—The stock mar-ket today was pretty much a continuation of that of yesterday, having strong opening, a temporary setback from profit-taking, then a steady move-ment to near the closing, when a good deal of profit-taking appeared from traders who did not want to trust the market over Sunday. The market was more irregular than yesterday, though the leading stocks climbed to new tops, and many of them closed in new high

opening were: Louisville, 14; Lead, 1; Northern Pacific, Southern Pacific, Missouri Pacific and Soo, ½; Great Northern preferred, Steel common, Union Pa cific and Car Foundry, %, and Anaconda, Locomotive and B. R. T., 1/4. Declines were: Smelting, 1/2; Atchison, 1/4; Sugar and Delaware and Hudson, 1/4. and Steel preferred, %. Reading opened % higher, St. Paul % higher. Rock Island preferred opened 1% higher.

Reading Is the Leader.

Reading was one of the issues to move to a new high price, and the story that decision of the commodity clause of the Hepburn law is in favor of the rallroad persists. While this stock was strong and active throughout the session, it was very irregular, fluctuating rapidly between the points 125 and 127. Smelters, Amaigamated, Anaconda, and Lead were strong. All the railroad terest in the market continues unabated,

All the wire houses today had orders, oulk of them being buying orders, and it was from this source that the has suddenly become bullish and is ing stocks freely is apparent, and is apparent, and a commission houses are preparing raheavy business on Monday. One the features of the market today is a almost complete cassation of orders sell from those who bought stocks the low figures of several months to. It is evident that these persons, on have become builts, and are hold-remained in the home of selling at atility. have become bullish, and are noted on in the hope of selling at still

Curb Market Active.

On the curb market the Guggenheim shares were once more in the leader-

stocks showing declines, but improved as trading progressed. The crop report put out by the United tates Government yesterday has im-

pressed Europe with a feeling of confidence that the worst is over in this try.

P. Morgan & Co. have purchased
the Atchison railroad \$17,000,000 of
mortgage 4 per cent bonds. This
te bond issue which officers of the made. Their denial, however, was only

orthcoming very shortly. The At-n directors' statement was techni-correct, because the bonds had al-y been sold to the bankers.

Old-Style Bull Market.

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Illinois Central. 1404, 1404, 1404, 1204, 1304, 1304, 1104, 1

BONDS.

THE CURB MARKET.

PRODUCE PRICES.

There was no notable decrease in prices in the local produce market this morning. In many instances figures were slightly better than yesterday. The general tone was guieter than it has been for some time, the trend of business as a whole being dull. Receipts were fairly equal to a normal demand for the best class of goods. Some fruits and vegetables have begun

to be scarce. Very little or no spinach or rhubarb is to be had, and prices cannot be quoted on blackberries, raspberries, or gooseberries. Georgia peaches have given out entirely.

Wholesale prices today were:

bert.
Estate of Dennis Loftus; will dated
September 29, 1906, filed, naming Jane
Loftus executrix.
Estate of William C. O'Meara; will
dated July 24, 1905, filed with petition
for probate. Attorney, C. S. Shreve, Jr.
(Called today.)
In re May Raedy et al.; order to execute lease.

FAILURES SHOW IMPROVED BUSINESS

July Mortality Lighter Than Any Month Except May.

MONEY ABUNDANT FOR PROPER USES

Largest Increase Over Last Year Is \$1,000,000 in Lumber-Machinery Has Best Decrease.

Commercial failures in the United States, according to statistics compiled by Dun's Review, were 1,232 in the month of July, with liabilities of \$14,-222,126. This is the lightest mortality of any month in the past year, with the single exception of May, 1908, and the increase in that comparison was less than \$600,000. In the correspon month last year there were 777 fall Failures of financial concerns, includnine in number and \$35,250,146 in amount our failures in this class, with liabili ties of \$2,228,945. The principal increase is due to the assignment of the United Box Board and Paper Company, which cannot properly be classed with com

Again there is much encouragement monthly statement of failures, despite some increase over the liabili-ties of the corresponding month in recent preceding years, for these statistics indicate a steady improvement suddenly increased last fall. Moreover in a year of strain the July insolvencies usually show a large increase over the eding month, owing to the halfyearly settlements and the inventories and stock-taking that disclose weak spots in the mercantile world.

Money Now Abundant. Money is now abundant for all legiti-nate purposes, and commercial paper may be sold at reasonable rates of interest, so that there is no longer any danger of really solvent concerns being funds, and new undertakings are once more being financed, while many pos poned plans are again under consider tion. It is also encouraging to no that the number of banking fallures diminishing, and the advance in pric of securities makes it possible to clo

while the largest increase was som what over \$1,000,000 in the lumber section

Traders' Failures Increase. Among the traders the increase in lia restaurants, owing to a few unusually zens.

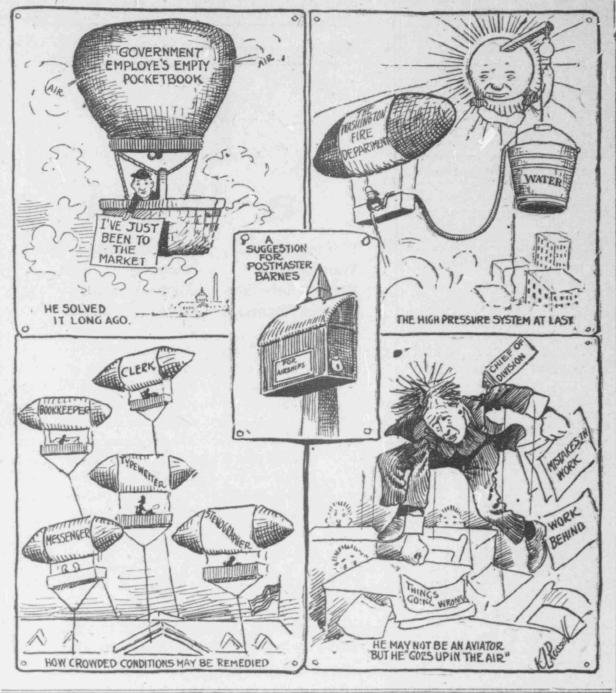
changes:
Reserve on all deposits, increase, \$140,700.
Reserve on deposits other than United States, increase, \$139,225.
Loans, increase, \$2,390,700.
Specie, increase, \$1,478,300.
Legal tender, decrease, \$558,800.
Deposits, increase, \$3,115,200.
Circulation, decrease, \$146,500.
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The surplus of the banks is \$61,533,175, against \$7,760,550, ificluding liabilities against United States deposits last year, and \$8,271,525 two years ago. The percentage of reserve held by the banks is 24.3, a decrease of .03 from last week.

ALL-PRINTERS PLAY TODAY.

The team which is to represent the cal Typographical Union in the baseball tournament to be held in New ball tournament to be held in New York in September will meet the strong Eckington team, leaders in the Columbia League, at McDevitt's Field this afternoon at 2:30. The Printers have been practicing daily for the national tournament, and while the final selection has not been made, a strong lineup will be presented, and an interesting contest is assured.

AIRSHIP WEEK



DISTRICT MILITIA BREAKING UP CAMP

strated Ability to Protect Washington.

FORT WASHINGTON, Aug. 8 .- The in general stores was slight, but there side of the river, and the soldiers of the by mystery, knelt by his bier today, was an improvement of almost \$1,000,000 District National Guard are ready to and, as a priest chanted the litany for in the division embracing hotels and return to their peaceful pursuits as citiability to defend their homes and the Nation's Capitol from any invader, seeking to come up the Potomac. Their work has brought much praise and work has brought much praise and commendation from Colonel Coffin, and Michael, to kill those who murdered

Militia to Entertain.

The regulars and the militiamen fraternize, as though there was no distinction, and this afternoon and evening the regulars will be entertained by the militia. All the camps will be granted unusual liberties, and the officers have the utmost confidence that this liberty

will not be abused.

This morning the regular officer detailed here as instructors have been busy with their reports on the maneuvers which are to be sent to the War Department and to Colonel Coffin. Department and to Colonel Coffin.

One great cause of cocplaint at the maneuver camps that was apparent last year and are pronounced this year, is the lack of adequate facilities for Colonel Coffin and the Artillery District of the Potomac. With the facilities at his command, Colonel Coffin has done wonderfully, and is in high favor with officers and men. It seems remarkable that two important coast defense fortifications, twelve miles below Washington, should be practically isolated and cut off from the world. Yet such is the case. For many years complaints have been made, but without avail. Fort Washington, through modern conveniences and communication, is no nearer to Washington than the Florting washington that washington that washington the washington the washington that washington the washington the washington that washington the washington the washington that washington the washington that washington the wash rense fortifications, twelve miles below Washington, should be practically isolated and cut off from the world. Yet such is the case. For many years complaints have been made, but without avail. Fort Washington, through modern conveniences and communication, is no nearer to Washington than the Florida Keys.

Only a Beaten Trail.

There is no good road from the city to the reservation, and the trail beaten through the woods to the Marlboro pike is generally impassable. The telegraph line between both forts and proceed in the back yar?, kicking himself, says the Chicago News.

"Why this stremuosity?" asked one of his neighbors.

"Last week I sent a dollar in answer to an advertisement offering a method of saving gas bills," answered the G. T., "and I just received the information."

"Well?" queried the neighbor.

"It was in the form of a printed slip, directing me to paste them in a scrapbook," replied the victim as he braced himself for another kick.

SWEARS IN BLOOD TO AVENGE HUSBAND

Maneuvers at Forts Demon- Wife Makes Scene at Funeral-Accused Slaver Weeps in Her Cell.

war is over. Today the dove of peace ael Martella, whose husband was shot hevers ove rthe armed camps on either and killed in a family tragedy shrouded the dead during the funeral services, she pricked her waist with a sharp cross on the coffin and took a vow to avenge his death.

the regular officers stationed here.

This morning the sun shone brightly cried the woman.

Her son, Antonio knelt with her, and

Washington, and consequently the outside world, is a travesty, and the telephone is worse. Neither have been satisfactory for years, yet they have not been improved, and ro amount of recommendations on the subject bring results. Often it is impossible to communicate with Washington at all, and never are the communications satisfactory. In addition there is only one mail a day coming in and going out.

The brigade rifle team under Capt. Alfred B. Robbins, left the forts early this morning for Washington. They will go over the Baltimore and Ohio railroad to Camp Perry for the national rifle matches.

The after the light battery and the ambulance corps left Fort Hunt to march to Washington. They will camp near Alexandria over night, and will arrive at the armory tomorrow morning. Washington, and consequently the out-

PRACTICAL ADVICE.

ROOSEVELT PRAISES **PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS**

Congratulates Washington Boys and Girls by Letter-Emphasizes Need of Athletics.

From Oyster Bay the President has

the opportunities they are offered here to develop, on the District playgrounds, to develop, on the District playgrounds, not only muscle and brawn, but characters which will well fit them for their struggles in after life.

He emphasizes the need of persistent effort to attain success in all sports, and also points out that defeat in an athletic event does not mean failure to the boy or girl who loses gracefully, and comes back the next time to try again for a fair victory.

Following is the letter:

The President's Letter.

'To the Boys and Girls of Washington "Thru Dr. Curtis I have learned that any of you are taking an active

follows:
Score in events—Henry, 11; Dennison,
3; Jefferson, 41; Curtis, 5; Arthur, 2;
Ludlow, 45; Edmonds, 37; Garfield Park,
17; Ketcham, 3; Phillips, 27; Stevens, 4;
Garrison, 39; Bell, 10; Birney, 0.
Points on courtesy—Henry, 10; Dennison, 10; Jefferson, 10; Curtis, 10; Arthur, 10; Ludlow, 10; Edmonds, 10; Garfield Fark, 10; Ketcham, 10; Phillips, 10; Stevens, 10; Garrison, 10; Bell, 10; Birney, 10.

The results and standing of the play-grounds follows:
Score in events—Virginia Avenue, 70; Rosedale, 69. North Capitol, 112; Juvenile Court, 24. Towers, 126, Fifth and L, 62. Industrial Home School, 21; Ross, 85. Magruder, 20; Fourteenth and C, 107; Howard, 44; Cardozo, 29.
Poirts on courtesy—Virginia Avenue, 16; Rosedale, 10. North Capitol, 0; Juvenile Court, 10. Towers, 10; Fifth and L, 10. Industrial Home School, 10; Ross, 70. Magruder, 10; Fourteenth and C, 10; Howard, 10.
On account of the false entry at the post between Virginia avenue and

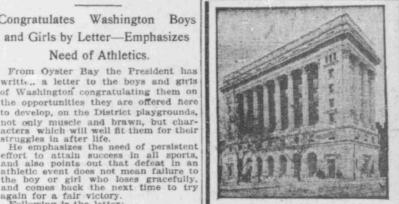
On account of the false entry at the On account of the false entry at the meet between Virginia avenue and Rosedale, Paul and Walter Linkeback are disqualified for any further competition under the Playground Association, and the points won in the 80-yard dash and 100-yard dash by Paul Linkeback, under the name of Willie Scott, are given to Virginia avenue; also 80-yard relay for boys given to Virginia avenue for the same reason.

A woman never gets so old she is not interested in how many dresses a

A schemer's scheme is always very profitable to some one. Is it profitable to you?

PROPOSALS FOR BOOK STACK Office of Superindendent of Library Building and grounds, Washington, D. C., August 8, 1908. Sealed, proposals for manufacturing, delivering 42d crecting in place complete the roofed book-stack required for the southeast court of the building for the Library of Congress, by this city, will be received at this office that 2 o'clock p. m., on Thursday, the 27th day of August, 1908, and then publicly opened. Specifications and other information furnished on application to this office. BERNARD R. GREEN, Superintendent, aus, 10, 11, 18, 19, 20

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